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## MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER WRIGHT

Subject: Army Air Force Communication  
Intelligence Activities

1. I have gone over this paper very carefully and feel that it is most excellent. There is one point that I would like to raise in connection with this paper and any other paper which may be written on this subject and that is the reference to SSA as quoted "the Ground Forces of Radio Intelligence Organizations". For your information, and I would appreciate if you would incorporate this thought in your study, SSA is part of the Service Forces and has nothing whatsoever to do with the Ground Forces.

2. Another thing which I think you should know is that the Air Forces, of course, are going to say that the statements contained in your memorandum do not entirely conciliate with the facts. I think you should know that in the past it has been agreed orally, at least, between the Air Corps and the Signal Corps that there is to be "Technical coordination" of the activities of the Radio Intelligence section in the theaters. From our point of view and the point of view of the paper, I do not consider this to be the control which we all feel is essential.

3. The Air Forces insist that these Radio Squadrons operate only for the Air Force and insist further that no personnel can be attached or detached therefrom; neither should the theaters give them any operational directives in the sense that we think of it.

/s/ Carter W. Clarke  
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